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ON PETITION

This is a decision in response to the petitions, filed July 31, 2006, August 17, 2006, August 30, 2006 and September 13, 2006, which are collectively being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c) to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

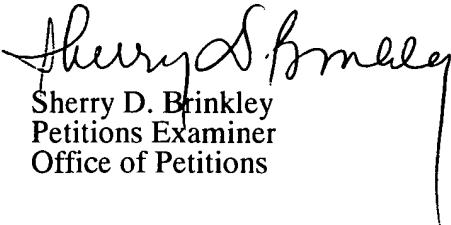
The petition is **GRANTED**.

This patent expired on May 22, 2006 for failure to pay the maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The 3 ½ year maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Since it is noted that counsel's deposit account was charged \$2,540 for the maintenance fee and surcharge on July 31, 2006, August 17, 2006 and August 30, 2006, the \$5,080 overpayment is being refunded to counsel's deposit account.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.


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